

NORTH OXFORDSHIRE UNITED DISTRICTS (MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH) JOINT COMMITTEE

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Medical Officer of Health

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Bodicote,

Oxon.

26th March, 1974

The Chief Medical Officer,
Department of Health & Social Security,
Alexander Fleming House,
Elephant and Castle,
LONDON S.E.1.

Dear Sir,

Re : Annual Report of the Medical
Officer of Health for 1973

I refer to the circular letter dated 22/2/74 and regret that due to reorganisation and changes in staff it will be quite impossible in the time remaining to produce the full annual report for 1973 for the districts in North Oxfordshire comprising Banbury Borough Council, Banbury Rural District Council, Witney Urban, Witney Rural, Chipping Norton Borough, Chipping Norton Rural and Woodstock Borough Council.

In general terms there have been few changes in environmental circumstances since 1972, there was slow progress in the installation and replacement of sewerage facilities with the main areas outstanding being Steeple and Middle Aston in Banbury Rural District; the South Western Parishes in Witney Rural District; Kingham, Ascott-under-Wychwood and Great Tew in Chipping Norton Rural District and the replacement of the sewage works at Chipping Norton Borough and the extensions to the works at Witney. Great Tew, once a show village, is dilapidated; it is an estate ownership and the owner still operates his own water supply although the Water Boards' mains are available, he has installed his own sewerage system but this is not yet in use. There are many ruinous houses which he is very slowly rehabilitated but progress is agonisingly slow.

Surface water drainage created problems at Carterton in Witney Rural District where development is held up until a scheme of drainage can be installed.

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By and large domestic water supplies are satisfactory throughout the whole area, houses in the parts of Chipping Norton Rural District supplied from village sources are gradually changing across to the Water Boards mains and this should be completed during 1974.

Housing throughout the area was reasonable, the existing programme for clearance areas in Banbury Borough was virtually completed by the end of 1973, only one small area remaining to be represented. Considerable improvements to existing property **continued** with the aid of grants throughout the whole area.

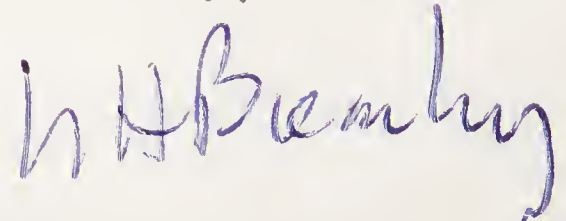
No undue trouble was encountered with nuisance from noise or air pollution, or from food and food hygiene control with the exception of one bakery in Chipping Norton Rural District the owners of which were prosecuted under the Food Hygiene Regulations and had heavy fines imposed upon them and costs awarded against them.

No difficulties were encountered in pest control throughout the whole area or in the operation of other minor enactments.

Infectious disease control presented no problems with a very low level of disease being notified - the actual incidence of common notifiable diseases was obviously much in excess of that notified but there is good notification of diseases of greater public health concern.

Copies of the return required under the Factories Act for each of the areas are enclosed with this report.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'H H Beasley', written in a cursive style.

Medical Officer of Health

BANBURY MUNICIPAL BOROUGHFACTORIES ACT 1961

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to Health.

(1) Premises	Nos. on Register	Nos. of Inspections	Written Notices	Prosecutions
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4,6 and 7 are to be enforced by L.A.	4	3	-	-
(ii) Factories not included above in which Section 7 only are enforced by L.A.	143	50	1	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 are enforced by L.A.	4	1	-	-
Total	151	54	1	-

(2) Defects	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Insp.	By H.M. Insp.	Prosecutions
Sect. 1 Want of Cleanliness					
Sect. 2 Overcrowding					
Sect. 3 Unreasonable Temperature					
Sect. 4 Inadequate Ventilation					
Sect. 6 Ineffective drainage of floors					
Sect. 7 Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separated for Sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	1	-	-	-

(3) Outworkers

Nature of Work	Nos. of Outworkers Registered	Action Taken (if any)
Manufacture of Wearing Apparel	3	
Curtains or Loose Covers.		
Total	3	

CHIPPING NORTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

FACTORIES ACT 1961

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to Health.

(1) Premises	Nos. on Register	Nos. of Inspections	Written Notices	Prosecutions
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4,6 and 7 are to be enforced by L.A.	11	4	-	-
(ii) Factories not included above in which Section 7 only are enforced by L.A.	25	15	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 are enforced by L.A.	-	-	-	-
Total	36	19	-	-

(2) Defects	Found Remedied	Referred To H.M. Insp.	By H.M. Insp.	Prosecutions
Sect. 1 Want of Cleanliness				
Sect. 2 Overcrowding				
Sect. 3 Unreasonable Temperature				
Sect. 4 Inadequate Ventilation				
Sect. 6 Ineffective drainage of floors	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Sect. 7 Sanitary Conveniences				
(a) Insufficient				
(b) Unsuitable or Defective				
(c) Not separated for Sexes				

(3) Outworkers

Nature of Work	Nos. of Outworkers Registered	Action Taken (if any)
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Manufacture of
Wearing Apparel

NIL

Curtains or Loose
Covers.

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FACTORIES ACT 1961

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to Health.

(1) Premises	Nos. on Register	Nos. of Inspections	Written Notices	Prosecutions
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4,6 and 7 are to be enforced by L.A.	2	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included above in which Section 7 only are enforced by L.A.	66	26	4	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 are enforced by L.A.	4	-	-	-

Total 72

26

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(2) Defects	Found Remedied	To H.M. Insp.	Referred By H.M. Insp.	Prosecutions
Sect. 1 Want of Cleanliness				
Sect. 2 Overcrowding				
Sect. 3 Unreasonable Temperature				
Sect. 4 Inadequate Ventilation				
Sect. 6 Ineffective drainage of floors				
Sect. 7 Sanitary Conveniences				
(a) Insufficient				
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	4	-	-	-
(c) Not separated for Sexes				

(3) Outworkers

Total

4

Nature of Work	Nos. of Outworkers Registered	Action Taken (if any)
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Manufacture of
Wearing Apparel

54

Curtains or Loose
Covers.

6

Total 60



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WOODSTOCK MUNICIPAL BOROUGHFACTORIES ACT 1961

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to Health.

(1) Premises	Nos. on Register	Nos. of Inspections	Written Notices	Prosecutions
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4,6 and 7 are to be enforced by L.A.				
(ii) Factories not included above in which Section 7 only are enforced by L.A.	7	7	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 are enforced by L.A.				
Total	7	7	-	-

(2) Defects	Found Remedied	Referred To H.M. Insp.	By H.M. Insp.	Prosecutions
Sect. 1 Want of Cleanliness				
Sect. 2 Overcrowding				
Sect. 3 Unreasonable Temperature				
Sect. 4 Inadequate Ventilation				
Sect. 6 Ineffective drainage of floors				
Sect. 7 Sanitary Conveniences				
(a) Insufficient				
(b) Unsuitable or Defective				
(c) Not separated for Sexes				

(3) Outworkers

Nature of Work	Nos. of Outworkers Registered	Action Taken (if any)
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Manufacture of
Wearing Apparel

5

Curtains or Loose
Covers.

Total 5

BANBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILFACTORIES ACT 1961

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to Health.

(1) Premises	Nos. on Register	Nos. of Inspections	Written Notices	Prosecutions
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4,6 and 7 are to be enforced by L.A.	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included above in which Section 7 only are enforced by L.A.	49	12	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 are enforced by L.A.	-	-	-	-
Total	49	12	-	-

(2) Defects	Found Remedied		Referred To H.M. Insp.	By H.M. Insp.	Prosecutions
Sect. 1 Want of Cleanliness	1	1	-	1	-
Sect. 2 Overcrowding					
Sect. 3 Unreasonable Temperature					
Sect. 4 Inadequate Ventilation					
Sect. 6 Ineffective drainage of floors					
Sect. 7 Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient					
(b) Unsuitable or Defective					
(c) Not separated for Sexes					
Total	1	1	-	1	-

(3) Outworkers

Nature of Work	Nos. of Outworkers Registered	Action Taken (if any)
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Manufacture of
Wearing Apparel

5

Curtains or Loose
Covers.

Total 5

CHIPPING NORTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILFACTORIES ACT 1961

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to Health.

(1) Premises	Nos. on Register	Nos. of Inspections	Written Notices	Prosecutions
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4,6 and 7 are to be enforced by L.A.	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included above in which Section 7 only are enforced by L.A.	34	19	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 are enforced by L.A.	24	20	-	-

Total 58

39

(2) Defects	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Insp.	By H.M. Insp.	Prosecutions
Sect. 1 Want of Cleanliness	5	5	-	-	-
Sect. 2 Overcrowding					
Sect. 3 Unreasonable Temperature					
Sect. 4 Inadequate Ventilation					
Sect. 6 Ineffective drainage of floors					
Sect. 7 Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient					
(b) Unsuitable or Defective					
(c) Not separated for Sexes					

Total

5

5

(3) Outworkers

Nature of Work	Nos. of Outworkers Registered	Action Taken (if any)
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Manufacture of
Wearing Apparel and gloves.

26

Curtains or Loose
Covers.

Total 26

FACTORIES ACT 1961

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to Health.

(1) Premises	Nos. on Register	Nos. of Inspections	Written Notices	Prosecutions
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 are to be enforced by L.A.	36	18	-	-
(ii) Factories not included above in which Section 7 only are enforced by L.A.	65	26	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 are enforced by L.A.	13	3	-	-

Total	114	47		
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(2) Defects	Found Remedied	Referred To H.M. Insp.	By H.M. Insp.	Prosecutions
Sect. 1 Want of Cleanliness				
Sect. 2 Overcrowding				
Sect. 3 Unreasonable Temperature				
Sect. 4 Inadequate Ventilation	1	-	-	-
Sect. 6 Ineffective drainage of floors				
Sect. 7 Sanitary Conveniences				
(a) Insufficient				
(b) Unsuitable or Defective				
(c) Not separated for Sexes				

Total 1

(3) Outworkers

Nature of Work	Nos. of Outworkers Registered	Action Taken (if any)
Manufacture of Wearing Apparel	16	
Curtains or Loose Covers.	1	

Total 17

